RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) Smallpox prevailed in an epidemic form in certain urban and rural areas in the State towards the close of the second quarter and during the third quarter of this year. At present there are only a few stray cases.

(*b*) In urban areas the most affected Municipal towns were Nagercoil, Colachel, Trivandrum, Quilon, Shencottah and Alleppey. In the rural areas the most affected taluks were Kalkulam, Vilavancode, Neyyattinkara, Nedumangad, Chirayinkil and Quilon. The number of attacks and deaths from smallpox in the State during the quarter ending 31-1-45 were 400 and 143 respectively, the percentage of fatalities being 35·7.

(*c*) The Municipal Chairmen were advised to conduct vaccination campaigns in their respective municipal areas. The Sanitary Circle Officers carried on, on an intense scale, vaccination campaigns in their respective taluks. The places affected were attended to first and the surrounding places next. Thus the epidemic was brought under control towards the end of the third quarter.

(*d*) The Chairmen of the Municipalities of Quilon and Shencottah where the diseases prevailed in an acute form were advised to appoint additional staff and finish the vaccination campaigns at the earliest possible date.

Report about milk distribution in Parur taluk.

376. ❋ **MR. E. K. MADHAVAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any report of decomposition of milk from any of the distributing agencies of Parur taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the quantity thus reported to be spoiled?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 15 cases, each containing 48 tins.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Sir, it is reported as answer to this question that 15 cases, each containing 48 tins, is the quantity reported to be spoiled. May I know from the honourable Member whether it was returned to the office of the Director of Public Health or not?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The tins were condemned because the quality of the milk was found to be not up to the mark. The tins were returned.

Relief works in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

377. ❋**MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state what all relief works have been carried out during the year in connection with malaria in Neyyattinkara taluk and what is the present condition of malaria in that taluk?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 45,000 to carry out certain irrigation works in Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad taluks with a view to render relief to the poor people in the areas stricken with malaria. Ten tanks have been taken up for improvement in Kunnathukal, Perumkadavila and Ottasekharamangalam pakuthies in Neyyattinkara and the work is in good progress.

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